





## THE PERISCOPE

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**Too Many Cooks.**  
Figures Don't Lie.  
Flight of Schools.  
Streamlined Economy.  
Only Sixty Days.  
After spending four days sitting on the sidelines at two important conferences in Tampa, called for the express purpose of evolving some workable method of keeping the kids in school nine months each year and raising enough money to maintain our politicians in the luxury to which they have been accustomed, your commentator finds himself in the mental state of the befuddled Quaker, who once told his wife: "All the world is nuts but me and me, Martha, and sometimes I think even they may be a bit daff." Approximately forty members of the House of Representatives, plus a dozen or so senators, broke camp on the banks of the muddy Hillsborough with just about as

clear an idea of how much money the Legislature must raise as Neville Chamberlain's guess on what Adolf Hitler would do next July. Summer tip, the boys are wandering around in a smoke screen of figures, ad down by groups of special interests, and thick fogs of statistical fog gas. Hence we have completely revised our predictions on what may transpire in Tallahassee between now and June. The session, my friends, will be, in the parlance of the boys in the street, "one of those things, wherein anything can happen—and probably will."

Any bookmaker can lay me forty to one the Legislature will code everything north of Ocala back to Georgia and we wouldn't raise a questioning eyebrow. Because we've never seen a parallel situation in Florida. There has never been a time when a Legislature packed bags for Tallahassee knowing less about what the state, its departments, the schools and other governmental agencies must have to keep that old devil from the door. There has never been a Legislature more sincerely and honestly striving to do a good job, either House or Senate, and the pity of it all is the fact that the people expect their

lawmakers to wind up the job in sixty days, adjourn and "come home with everybody happy." Nevertheless, Speaker Wood's hard-working committee members have made some progress. They know, for instance, that merchants prefer the gross receipts tax to the three percent levy on sales. They know the hotel men hate the sales tax as innards from Heaven—providing it lifts the ad valorem from Florida's taverns. They know the schools are wallowing in a financial quagmire because previous Legislators put a bounty on tax-bodging and they are thoroughly convinced the only popular tax is the one they offer laws.

Any batches of wealthy statisticians were dumped on the Tampa conference tables, written in enough red ink to float the Queen Mary. If you'd been there, you'd have wondered if they sold blue ink and more because, from the looks of those reports, red is a mighty popular color among Tallahassee bookkeepers these days. Anybody reported a surplus would have been greeted with loud huzzas. Yet there were plenty of plans suggested to save the ship of State. In fact, the only person who ever came out with a plan to get the program up his sleeve was the bell captain at the Tampa Terrace.

Speaking seriously, however, out of the maze of figures we gleaned one inescapable truth: The Legislature of 1939 will push into history as a "make or break session" and there are only two guidelines at the crossroads. One points to a wholesale shifting of the tax burden and the other points to a complete overhauling of the present ad valorem system, including a brand new set of mirrors for our assessment and collection laws.

Some of the Legislators had kidded themselves into the idea they were just about to break through the clouds when Supl. Colin English laid a brand new financial orphan in their laps in the form of a whopping public school operating deficit. The head of the school system reminded the assembled legislators and educators that a full term depends up on an emergency appropriation nearly as big as the general fund deficit. But when the legislators asked one of the school folks: "What'll we use for money?" they were told "That, my friend, is your problem."

But you can't laugh off a deficit as big as the schools must make up or close the classrooms a couple of months early. So it is our guess that one of the first things the Legislature will do after hanging up their hats and coats will be to take up a series of bills that will make a lot of folks pay taxes—just for a change. One of these, in all probability, will be a bill creating a state tax commission and another may be a copy of a Georgia law that empowers the sheriff to sell you down

the river if you don't see the tax man thirty months after receiving your bill. Still another bill would speed the recovery of those taxes as assessed and now suffering from malignant assimilation, and we heard a lot of talk about consolidating county and city tax assessing and collecting offices so that the property owner could pay in just one place, saving a lot of wear and tear on those roads and a half million dollars in duplicate salaries.

This is just one example of the kind of things the legislators are considering. Other items on this docket include combining several state departments, and, believe it or not, some of the lawmakers are convinced that Florida has about twice too many counties. Salary reductions, unless present signs fall, will be the order of the day and that uniform payroll bill may be a hokey! Even the lawmakers may feel the sharp edge of the knife and you'd be surprised to know how many legislators regard contracts and justices of the peace with a cold and flashy eye.

Can all these things be done in sixty days? We doubt it and so do some of the veterans in both branches. A former speaker, to be sure, has been asked to go to the New York World's Fair about the middle of June has cancelled his resignation and he has been asked to go to the New York World's Fair about the middle of June has cancelled his resignation and he has been asked to go to the New York World's Fair about the middle of June has cancelled his resignation.

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**FOR SALE**—Old Hammer place south of Ch. West, Lot 56x110 feet. \$900. See C. A. Bailey, Pahokee, Fla.

**BUY A NICE HOME ON Bacon** Point road. Seven rooms and bath. Furnished. Big lot—\$4,500. With only \$1,500 cash. Balance like rent. C. A. Bailey, Pahokee, Fla.

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**FOR SALE**—1 Lunchmaster Electric Stove, 5 Restaurant Stove, 1 30-gallon Kerosene Hot Water Heater, 1 Flat Top Office Desk, 1 Grease Gun, 1 Paint Gun, 1 Oak Card Table, 2 Small Filing Cabinets, 2 Oak Straight Chairs. —P. O. Box 80, Belle Glade, Fla.

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tion and doesn't want to round out his administration with a hefty boost in the state tax rate. Checking local figures around the hotel lobbies, we found about the same old crowd, plus a few newcomers. Pressure groups approving taxes on each other but conditioning taxes on themselves. And sitting over in one corner, the county clerk, as the secretary of a fellow who seemed out of place in the hurry-burly. We asked him who he represented. And he said: "Who me? Fisher. I'm just a tax payer. Nobody seems to give a hoot what I think!"

## UNITED STATES CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATION

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The United States Civil Service Commission announces an open competition examination for the position named above. Vacancies in this position, in the U. S. Engineer Service, at the salary and places stated above and in positions in the same locality requiring similar qualifications at approximately the same rate of pay will be filled from this examination, unless it is found in the interest of the service to fill any vacancy by reinstatement, transfer or promotion. The salary stated is subject to a deduction of 2% for contribution to a retirement annuity.

**DUTIES:** Painting hull and superstructure, wood and steel, or miscellaneous floating plant; such as, launches, low boats, derricks, pile drivers, barges and intertine, or unloading as required on such plant. Painting of construction plant, including automobiles, trucks, draglines, tractors, etc., including all structures and facilities will include the selection and preparation of paints for the above purposes.

**EMPLOYMENT LIST:** Permanent employees in the classified service will, upon earning a passing grade in this examination, have their names placed upon a separate list of eligible Government employees, which list may be certified separately to fill appropriate vacancies in accordance with the civil service rules.

**RIGHTS OF APPLICANTS:** Competitors will not be required to report for examination at any place but will be rated on the extent and quality of their experience and fitness which are relevant to the duties of the position, on a scale of 100, such ratings being based upon competitors' sworn statements in their applications and upon corroborative evidence.

Statements concerning qualifications will be verified by the Commission; exaggeration or misstatement will be cause for disqualification.

Applicants must possess the following qualifications:  
1. They must be citizens of the United States on the closing date specified at the head of this announcement. Foreign-born applicants who meet the citizenship requirements must furnish proof of United States citizenship before they will be eligible for appointment under Civil Service rules.

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3. Age: They must have reached their 18th but must not have passed their 50th birthday on the closing date for receipt of application. The age limits do not apply to persons granted military preference because of military or naval service, nor to permanent employees in the classified civil service, except that such applicants must not have reached the

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retirement age. Employees in the classified civil service for whom the age limits are waived and who are not entitled to military preference will be eligible only for the entry of their names on the separate list of eligible Government employees.  
4. Physical Ability: Applicants must not be in sound physical health. Irremediable defects or curable diseases will not exclude a person from examination, but proof that such defects have been remedied or, if curable, may be remedied during the life of the eligible register before persons otherwise qualified may be considered for appointment under Civil Service rules.

## "Socker" Coe Will Not Seek The Governorship

Charles Francis Coe, known to his friends as "Socker," will not seek the governorship of Florida in the 1940 primaries. This information came to light this week when Mr. Coe expressed his opinion on what a governor should or should not be in this land of sunshine and flowers. With his name eliminated from the prospective list of some thirty or forty candidates the group as it stands today leaves Palm Beach county with only one man mentioned for the job—and that is B. F. Paty. This newspaper has no authoritative information as to whether or not Mr. Paty will make the race. Some of his friends believe he will.

Japanese plan to monopolize all winter trade between Shanghai and Yangtze River points.

## Commerce Bodies To Work Against Fires

The Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce this week asked the Miami Chamber of Commerce to cooperate in all possible ways to extinguish muck fires that are eating into the shoulders and banks of Road 26 between South Miami and Miami.

In a radio broadcast over WQAM, Miami, on Wednesday, all assurance of cooperation by the Miami group was given to members of the Belle Glade Chamber of Commerce and citizens of the Glades area. The next day further stated that the Miami Chamber was doing all possible to assist in controlling all fires in the Everglades region.

Determined to put a stop to the "Salary Buying" practice which is alleged to have reached the proportions of a "racket" in this state, civic leaders and prominent attorneys plan to push legislation of "regulation" and "control" for the protection of both the employee and the employer. Cases on record show where interest on small loans as high as 300 percent have been collected.

Tunisia has decreed that all for caps entering the country must show where they were made.

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## Community Happenings IN BELLE GLADE

Social And Personal . . . Fraternal And Civic Clubs

Mrs. F. D. Stevens is ill at her home at the Everglades Experiment Station.

Miss Alicia Fisher spent the week-end in West Palm Beach in the interest of the Nursery.

Mrs. J. R. Neller delightfully entertained with a luncheon at her home, Tuesday, in honor of the mothers of her friends who are visiting here. Those ladies who enjoyed Mrs. Neller's hospitality were: Mrs. J. G. Dresser of Clinton, Wis., Mrs. W. K. Kilder and mother, Mrs. C. P. Springer of Eaton Rapids, Mrs. G. Beckenbach, Mrs. Edward Beckenbach of Hudson, Ohio, Mrs. R. T. Teller, Mrs. Thordell Nelson, Mrs. H. A. Stollenberg, Mrs. Ruth Wedgworth, Mrs. J. O. Jamieson, Mrs. J. P. Browne.

Mrs. Thomas Bregger attended the County Council of the Parent-Teachers Association at Delray Beach Tuesday.

Dr. and Mrs. J. W. Wilson entertained at dinner Friday evening, Rev. and Mrs. J. O. Jamieson, Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Kilder, Mrs. H. H. Wedgworth and Miss Alicia Fisher.

Mrs. Ralph Freeman spent Wednesday in West Palm Beach where she attended a Girl Scout Conference.

Mrs. R. T. Teller motored to Miami Wednesday to attend to business matters.

A birthday party was given Friday night for Miss Givens Betzner at her home. The evening was spent in playing games and cocktails. Mrs. Betzner served birthday cake, fruit juice, jelly and candy. Those who were present were: Misses Jean McWhorter, Helen Jean Wedgworth, Elizabeth Bregger, Jackie and Patricia Collier, Ann Bartlett, Carolyn McDonald, Mary Jamieson, Dorothy Betzner and Jack Fowler, Adele Hooks, Franklin Kelley, Kermit Dill, David Motter, Leroy Alsop, Charles Betzner.

Girl Scout Troop I and II met in joint meeting at the Community Church Monday afternoon with Captain Freeman and Lieut. Ruth

Jamieson in charge. Jean Hurley received her tenderfoot badge pin. A discussion was held over the proposed Girl Scout hut which is to be built in the "City Park." After patrol meeting the group assembled for a musical.

The cast of the recent play "Deacon Dubbs" was entertained at the Club House last Wednesday night by the local and foreign. A dinner, dancing was enjoyed by the following: Clara Belle Mortis, Carolyn Whitely, Elmer Everett, Mildred Lane, Glennia Betzner, Thomas Creech, Carl Scarborough, Graham Van Landingham, Leon Jones, Leroy Alsop, Mildred Everett.

Miss Dorene King entertained a few of her friends at her home in honor of her birthday. Games, a treasure hunt on contests were enjoyed and refreshments of ice cream, cake and punch were served to the following: Marion Gold, Patty Collier, Jean Hurley, Emily Bregger, Charles Betzner, Clarence Klauer, and George King, Eugene Hatcher.

Dr. and Mrs. Frederick Boyd are announcing the birth of a daughter, Barbara Jean, at the Everglades Hospital, Friday, March 17. Mrs. Boyd and baby returned to their home Wednesday.

Master Howard Hill has been ill at his home with chicken pox. He is now recovering.

Monday and Friday in West Palm Beach on business.

M. D. Crawford, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Sprinkle, Mr. Sprinkle of Eaton Rapids, called on friends, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Springer, recently.

The Ladies Aid held their regular missionary meeting at the Church Wednesday, Mrs. J. O. Jamieson was in charge of the devotional. Miss Alicia Fisher was the guest speaker and told of her work with the migrant people. Owing to the absence of the president, Mrs. Jamieson presided over the meeting.

The Ladies Aid of the church has installed a telephone in the parsonage, No. 65, for the use of the church, and parsonage family. The Ladies Aid of the church which the ladies are conducting was explained. This campaign will close on Wednesday, March 22, and it is the wish that all those who have promised to subscribe for the magazine will do so. If anyone wishes to subscribe they may contact Mrs. Robert Bass, Mrs. J. O. Ellis, Mrs. L. E. Hamilton, Mrs. Fred Ogle, Mrs. W. R. Granger or Mrs. Jamieson. Mrs. P. A. Lewis and Mrs. L. E. Hamilton served delicious refreshments to the following ladies: Mrs. C. W. Ogle, Mrs. H. L. Hane, Mrs. M. M. Sabiston, Mrs. J. O. Ellis, Mrs. C. E. Riebel, Mrs. Motter, Mrs. H. H. Hart, Mrs. J. W. Wilson, Mrs. T. E. LaBayer, Mrs. L. W. Bartlett, Mrs. R. W. Kilder, Mrs. J. R. Neller, Mrs. J. P. Browne, Mrs. Thordell Nelson, Mrs. W. R. Hooker, Mrs. H. A. Stollenberg.

Mr. and Mrs. Florence Harris had as guest Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. William Warthen and children, Mrs. Mary, Christine, and Buddy of Miami. The Epworth League held a special meeting at the church Sunday evening.

The South Bay League was guest group at a "Fellowship Hour" preceded the worship service. The last of the Bible Study lessons was conducted by Rev. Jamieson and the regular election of officers for the coming year was held. Those elected were: Robert Jones, President; Carl Wolf, Jr., 1st vice-president; Mildred Lane, 2nd vice-president; Mary Alma Murphy, 3rd vice-president; Glennia Betzner, 4th vice-president; Ann Bartlett, secretary; Leroy Alsop, treasurer. At the meeting Sunday night there will be slides on the subject, "We must be invited to come."

Mrs. M. L. Alsop and Mrs. Rashley attended the County Council of the P.T.A. at Delray Beach Tuesday.

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## Blue Devil Nine Is Loser To Wildcats By 5 to 2 Decision

Pete Bardin's Home  
Accounts For One Of  
Three Runs

Pahokee's newly organized baseball team smoothed off a few more ragged edges by dropping 5 to 2 decision to the West Palm Beach Wildcats at Wright Field Tuesday. The Blue Devils lost their first contest of the season to Lake Worth last week 5 to 3.

Except for Pete Bardin's circuit blow in the third frame, the Devil was helpless at the plate with Lee Renker, a lanky right-hander, whipping 10 and allowing only 6 bingles throughout. Bardin's four runner came after Frause had singled over second, wound his way around a third and scored on a passed ball.

The Wildcats scored one in the second, one in the third and three in the fifth to round out their five tallies. In the second inning, Wakeman, Palm Beach first sacker, reached base on an error, advanced on a passed ball and scored when Bardin's fly to left field was dropped. The second Wildcat score came in the third frame on Jenkins' single, Harris' sacrifice and Johnson's bingle. In the fifth, Bardin waded slightly. Harris bled a single into center. Both followed with another one-sacker and then Webster was walked filling the baselines. Wakeman, next up, drew a pass forcing in Booth and Johnson's bingle. In the sixth, Harris and Webster scored after the catch.

The box score:

Pahokee AB R H O A  
Frause, c 4 1 1 6 0  
Bardin, 1b 4 0 1 6 0  
Johnson, 3b 4 1 2 0 6  
Boytson, ss 4 0 0 5 2  
Keefer, rf 3 0 0 1 0  
Hancock, 2b 4 0 1 3 2  
Parker, cf 4 0 1 0 0  
Sponner, 3b 2 0 1 0 1  
Denton, cf 2 0 1 0 1  
Hart, cf 3 0 1 0 1  
Totals 32 2 6 26 10

West Palm Beach AB R H O A  
Jenkins, 2b 5 1 2 3 3  
Harris, lf-cf 4 0 1 0 0  
Johnson, 3b 4 1 2 4 2  
Gold, cf 1 0 0 1 1  
Webster, rf 3 1 0 0 0  
Wakeman, 1b 3 1 0 0 0  
Miranda, ss 4 0 1 0 2  
Jaeger, c 4 0 1 10 1  
Renker, p 3 0 0 5 5  
N. Booth, if 3 1 1 0 1  
Totals 34 5 8 27 14

Score by innings:  
Pahokee 002 000 000-2  
W. Palm Beach 011 020 000-5  
Errors: Parker, Boynton, Sponner, Johnson, Wakeman.

The British War Office has refused to frown upon lipstick used by women who volunteer to aid the army in camp of war.

Taxes paid by petroleum companies in Venezuela last year were, well above 1937.

The cost of the play is as follows: Lona Milcock, Maida Harrington; Oswald Milcock, Hubert Geiger; Kitten Allen, June McKinstry; Slim Allen, Harold Wilkinton; Meta Doll, Sara Sanders; Dolly Doll, Virginia McClure; Fred Fluke, Junior Cowen; Bubbles Fluke, Margaret Stevens; Dynamite, Bethea Aly.

Australia has ordered the construction of two destroyers and 12 motor torpedo boats.

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## ROAD PATROL WILL OPERATE THRU MAY

Doyle Crocker, county commissioner, stated this week that plans have been worked out by the county board whereby operation of the county road patrol will be continued through the month of May. It was stated before the county board last week that a shortage of funds would bring a halt to the operation of the road patrolmen at the end of March. Transfer of funds has made possible the extra two months of much-needed service—especially in the case of Okeechobee farming region. County Commissioner Chairman, A. C. Poston, and other board members, C. V. Byrd, John Price and Cecil Cornelius, co-operated with Mr. Crocker in working out a plan whereby the patrol will be continued. The board has the sincere thanks of parents in this area who have children traveling by bus to the various schools.

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